

REMARKS

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing preliminary amendments.

Summary of Preliminary Amendments

By the foregoing preliminary amendments, Applicants have amended the Specification to include corresponding priority and lineage information. These amendments are clerical and nature. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Also by the foregoing preliminary amendments, Applicants have canceled original Claims 1-24 without prejudice or disclaimer to Applicants filing one or more continuing applications directed to the previously-presented subject matter contained therein. Further by the foregoing preliminary amendments, Applicants have added new Claims 25-46. Support for these claim amendments may be found throughout the Specification and at least at original Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 4+8, 9+4, 10+4, 11+4, 12+4, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 24+4, respectively. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

In the event that there are any questions relating to this application and/or Preliminary Amendment, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

In the event any further fees are due to maintain pendency of this application, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,
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